

OFF-PREMISE SDD RESORT LIQUOR LICENSE

This fact sheet briefly describes Off-Premise Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) Resort liquor licenses, which are available from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). The investigation and licensing process is sometimes complex and certain applications may require additional information not described in this fact sheet.

<i>Definition</i>	The MLCC may grant a limited number of liquor licenses in Michigan to stimulate economic development and the tourist/convention business. Resort licenses are available only after all the licenses under quota are issued.
<i>Availability</i>	Under existing legislation, up to 10 Off-Premise SDD Resort licenses may be issued per year. These licenses may transfer ownership but not location.
<i>Investigation & Licensing Fee</i>	There is a \$70 investigation fee due at the time of original application. The license fee for an SDD Resort license is \$150 per year plus \$3 for each \$1,000 of liquor purchased from the MLCC in excess of \$25,000. The license fee is not pro-rated. The license expires on April 30 of each year and is generally renewed upon application and payment of the renewal fee, which is the same as the license fee.

Requirements for an Off-Premise SDD Resort License

Applicants for an Off-Premise SDD Resort license must meet the qualifications as described in the fact sheet for SDD liquor licenses. However, applicants for Resort SDD licenses may be considered even if the proposed location is within 2,640 feet (one-half mile) of an existing SDD.

If there is an opening under the quota provisions, an applicant for any resort license must also submit an explanation of why the Commission should grant a Resort license rather than a regular license.

Process for Obtaining a Resort License

The purpose for obtaining an Off-Premise SDD Resort license is similar to that described in the fact sheet for the SDD license.

It should be noted, however, that due to the tremendous interest in the limited number of Resort licenses, the Commission attempts to grant licenses only to the most meritorious applicants. Unsuccessful applicants may request that the Commission carry over the application from one year to the next.